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In re application of :
KURZ, Thekla, et al. : Group Art Unit: 1617
Serial No.: 09/889,930 : Examiner: Shengjun Wang
Filed: October 3, 2001 :
For: LYOPHILISATES WITH IMPROVED RECONSTITUTIBILITY

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In response to the Office Action dated October 29, 2002, please amend the claims and consider the following remarks.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

13. (Amended) A process for preparing a lyophilisate, having an improved dissolution rate, of 2-methyl-5-methylsulfonyl-4-(1-pyrrolyl)benzoylguanidine methanesulfonate, N-[2-methyl-4,5-bis-(methylsulfonyl)benzoyl]guanidine hydrochloride or 4-isopropyl-3-methylsulfonylbenzoylguanidine methanesulfonate, comprising dissolving 2-methyl-5-methylsulfonyl-4-(1-pyrrolyl)benzoylguanidine methanesulfonate, N-[2-methyl-4,5-bis-(methylsulfonyl)benzoyl]guanidine hydrochloride or 4-isopropyl-3-methylsulfonylbenzoylguanidine methanesulfonate to form a solution suitable for lyophilization by optionally warming the solution to accelerate dissolution, filtering the solution, placing the solution into a freeze drier in a vial, and then warming the solution to a temperature of 30°C to 95°C followed by lowering the temperature to freezing temperature to achieve lyophilization.